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U.S. Patent No. 4,537,859 to TERAHARA et al., which issued on August 27, 1985;

European Patent Application Publication No. EP 0 649 907, which was published on April 26, 1995, together with patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,043,064 to DAVIS et al., which issued on March 28, 2000; and

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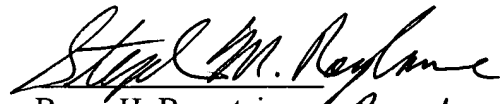
The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the European Examiner applying European rules to the European claims are set forth in the European Search Report.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached hereto and are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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